

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/581,444  
Applicant : Matthias WITSCHER et al  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Communication is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. Accordingly, with a request for a two-month extension of time, this response is being timely filed on or before the August 5, 2009 deadline.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.